

CRETE-MONEE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 9, 2026 – 6:30 PM

CRETE-MONEE EARLY LEARNING CENTER, 1500 SANGAMON STREET, CRETE, IL 60417

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL - The following members were present:

- Jamie Zite-Stumbris, Vice President
- Janine Woolfolk, Secretary
- Dr. Todd Hall, Member

Absent: Maurice Brown, President
Elizabeth Venegas, Member
William Sawallisch, Member
Alejandro Gallegos, Member

Others present:

- Dr. Kara Coglianesi, Superintendent
- Jason Okrasinski, Assistant Superintendent/CSBO
- Dr. Ghantel Perkins, Assistant Superintendent
- Brian Johnson, Director of Finance
- Jamie Huisman, Interim Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and Mission Statement were read aloud

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET

PUBLIC COMMENT - PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET ONLY

John Pachuta Tue, May 19, 2025 at 12:55 PM (reshared from May 19, 2026 Board Meeting as requested)

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cm201u.org>

I was watching the Youtube board meeting from 5-12-26. At 31:15 into the meeting it was mentioned that 17 million dollars was going to be moved from the “working cash funds into the maintenance fund than moved into the capitol fund. A June 6 meeting was going to take place to ratify. Where will this be?

It was further mentioned that some of the funds were going towards the “ stadium ” . I thought that the entire sports stadium (cost over 21 million) was going to be paid off with TIFF money.

Crete 210u board used the same process last year (2025) and moved 20 million dollars into capitol.

All of this money should be going back to the voters to reduce the school portion of our property taxes. Currently 2/3 of my taxes go toward the 201u school. This means that 37 million dollars in the past two years have been going towards capitol projects that we as voters have no idea about.

It seems that the school board needs some type of oversight into the projects and spending of our tax payer’s money. The school board does not have an open checkbook that is supplied by us. All of us payers have a limited income, The board cannot keep on spending. I think giving the Crete school board over 8500 dollars is excessive!

I want this letter also to be placed into the June meeting that discusses the funds.

John Pachuta

- CSBO provided a written response to the public comment.

Points of Discussion:

- Director of Finance presented on the 2025-2026 amended budget.

- Public hearing date was announced and posted on May 8, 2026. The amended budget will be approved at the June 16, 2026 regular Board Meeting.
- There is a projected surplus in the amount of \$2.4 million in the amended budget. \$2.45 million of TIF revenue was transferred from the education fund to debt service to cover bond payments, resulting in a \$170,000 projected surplus.
- The amended budgets shows a \$17 million fund balance transfer from working cash to capital projects to pay for construction projects.
- The department goals have been achieved, and ongoing tasks are on-track to be completed by the assigned deadlines.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Zite-Stumbris to close public hearing on the 2025-2026 amended budget

On roll call, the following answered Aye: Hall, Woolfolk, and Zite-Stumbris Nays: None, Absent: Brown, Sawallisch, Venegas, Gallegos, Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Zite-Stumbris

“To adjourn.”

On voice vote, ayes were unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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